

WSDOT Road Construction Update for Snohomish County

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This week it's out with the old and in with the new as crews working for the Washington State Department of Transportation prepare to demolish the Everett 41st Street Bridge over Interstate 5 and replace it with a new, wider bridge with more lanes and fewer backups.

On Saturday, April 15 crews will detour drivers from the 41st Street Bridge and close the bridge for six months while they demolish the old structure and build a new bridge in its place. Crews will begin demolishing the existing bridge and hoisting away the broken pieces Monday, April 17 and continue through Thursday, April 20. During this work crews will close I-5 in both directions near 41st Street overnight between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m. the following morning for up to two weeknights.

Crews will work as quickly as possible. However, to ensure the safety of drivers once crews close the freeway and start tearing down the bridge, they can't stop the work until the bridge is down and the freeway is cleaned up. This means that they can't open the freeway until all the work is finished even if that means keeping lanes closed and the detour open during a portion of the busy morning commute.

Avoid delays:

- Plan ahead - leave early, take alternate routes and reschedule trips if possible.
- Slow down in I-5 work zones and along detour routes and watch for traffic signs, including warning signs, detour signs, city and state enforcement and new stop signs at several locations.
- Stay up to date about closures with our [weekly construction update](#) reports and by visiting the [project's Web page](#).
- Know before you go - You can find real-time traffic information on [WSDOT's Web site](#) or call the 5-1-1 driver information line to find out about current incidents, delays, and construction.

Crews begin next phase of SR 530 slide repair April 17

The [State Route 530 slide repair project](#) is underway with the next phase set to begin on Monday, April 17.

The slide continues to threaten SR 530 near the town of Oso in northeast Snohomish County. WSDOT crews and contractors are in the process of building a large wall made of rock and gravel at the base of Skaglund Hill. The wall will add weight at the bottom of the hill and prevent it from sliding. When this work is done, the wall will be 500 feet wide, stretch 200 feet up the hill and be up to 30 feet deep in many places. That's nearly two football fields worth of rock and gravel. Crews hope to have the wall completed by late summer 2006.

Drivers may experience slight delays when traveling through the slide area as crews work to haul the 10,000 dump truck loads of rock and gravel needed to complete this project. Drivers also need to be aware of the 20 mph speed limit in the area.

Keep informed:

- We will continue to update drivers on the situation through the [project Web page](#).
- Drivers, residents and those with business interests in the area can call the SR 530 Slide Repair Hotline at 425.225.8670.

Detour off I-5 at Smokey Point interchange Monday and Tuesday nights; crews put finishing touch on new bridge

Drivers can expect delays overnight on Interstate 5 through Smokey Point Monday and Tuesday next week as WSDOT and its contractor Shea Graham Construction complete finishing work on the [newly built Smokey Point \(172nd Street\) Bridge](#) near Arlington. Crews are painting a sealant on the bridge. The closure will protect cars and drivers from paint material during the work.

This work is weather dependent and may be delayed if the forecast calls for rain.

WSDOT demolished the old two-lane bridge that spanned Interstate 5 at 172nd Street in Smokey Point near Arlington last April. In its place they built a taller, wider six-lane bridge including two westbound left-turn lanes to southbound I-5 to improve growing safety and traffic flow problems in the area. The new bridge opened to traffic the morning of Friday, Dec. 9, almost two months ahead of schedule. WSDOT originally expected to open all six lanes of the bridge to traffic by February 2006; however, the bridge opened early thanks to fast and efficient work by crews.

Closures

- **Monday, April 17** - Crews will close all northbound lanes of I-5 at the Smokey Point interchange starting with the two left lanes at 8 p.m. with total closure beginning at midnight. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. Tuesday morning.
- **Tuesday, April 18** - Crews will close all southbound lanes of I-5 at the Smokey Point interchange starting with the two left lanes at 8 p.m. with total closure beginning at midnight. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Detour

- Drivers will be detoured off I-5 at the Smokey Point interchange (exit 206) and then back onto the freeway, allowing passage past the closure point at a very slow pace.

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